

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

PATRICIA L. ABRAMS, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY
CORPORATION; *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:16-cv-01343-MWB

(Judge Matthew W. Brann)

PAUL H. ARNOLD, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY
CORPORATION; *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:16-cv-01345-MWB

(Judge Matthew W. Brann)

ROBERT C. ABRAMS, JR., *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY
CORPORATION; *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:16-cv-01346-MWB

(Judge Matthew W. Brann)

KYLIE E. AHERN a/k/a KYLIE E.
PERRY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY
CORPORATION; *et al.*,

Defendants.

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's January 10, 2018 Orders in *Patricia L. Abrams v. Chesapeake Energy Corporation, et al.*, 4:16-cv-1343 ("*P. Abrams*"), ECF No. 93, *Paul H. Arnold, et al. v. Chesapeake Energy Corporation, et al.*, 4:16-cv-1345 ("*Arnold*"), ECF No. 91, *Robert C. Abrams, Jr., et al. v. Chesapeake Energy Corporation*, 4:16-cv-1346 ("*R. Abrams*"), ECF No. 85, *Kylie E. Ahern, et al. v. Chesapeake Energy Corporation*, 4:16-cv-1347 ("*K. Ahern*"), ECF No. 85, counsel for the parties in these actions, hereby provide this joint status report:

1. The claims in these actions are similar to, and overlap with claims asserted in other putative class actions, joint actions, and/or individual actions pending in this jurisdiction. *See, e.g., Brown v. Access Midstream Partners, L.P.*, No. 3:14-cv-00591-MEM ("*Brown*"); *The Suessenbach Family Limited Partnership v. Access Midstream Partners, L.P.*, No. 3:14-cv-01197-MEM ("*Suessenbach*"); *A&B Campbell Family LLC v. Chesapeake Energy Corp.*, No.

3:15-cv-00340-MEM (“*Campbell*”); *Tyler v. Chesapeake Appalachia, L.L.C.*, No. 3:16-cv-00456-MEM (“*Tyler*”).

2. As explained in the parties’ Joint Motion to Stay Proceedings, counsel for Plaintiffs and for the Chesapeake Defendants appeared before the Honorable Malachy E. Mannion on December 20, 2017 to report on their progress towards a global settlement of the *Brown*, *Suessenbach*, *Campbell*, and *Tyler* actions, which would include the claims asserted by the Plaintiffs in *P. Abrams*, *Arnold*, *R. Abrams*, and *Ahern*, subject to the approval of those Plaintiffs. Thereafter, on February 21, 2018, the Chesapeake Defendants, the Anadarko Defendants, and representatives from the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office participated in a settlement conference before the Honorable Kenneth D. Brown. A follow-up conference before Judge Brown is scheduled for April 5, 2018. Judge Mannion has deferred scheduling another status conference pending the results of Judge Brown’s settlement efforts.

3. Plaintiffs and the Chesapeake Defendants continue to believe that they will be able to resolve Plaintiffs’ claims as part of a global settlement. They have made material progress towards resolving these actions and are working on a settlement document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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